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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
YASUHISA HAGIWARA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: KERNS, KEVIN P  
SERIAL NO: 10/565,540 :  
FILED: OCTOBER 18, 2006 : GROUP ART UNIT: 1725  
FOR: CONTINUOUS CASTING :  
METHOD, CAST MEMBER, METAL  
WORKED ARTICLE, AND CONTINUOUS  
CASTING APPARATUS

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Actions dated May 11, 2007 and October 4, 2007, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.